

As promised here is our report for Monday's meeting - not intending to take up time delivering it, but happy to take questions at the beginning of the meeting, or as and when cllrs wish.

As promised, this is the report for the 1st June meeting. Happy to take questions on this and the other items on the agenda.

Covid-19

- The Breckland briefings continue - let me know if you have any questions.
- Small Business Grants - over £20m has now been distributed in £10k and £25k grants, subject to Non-Domestic Business Rateable Value. We have secured these grants for village halls and similar in the Mattishall Ward, some £95,000, and I am glad to say the Hardingham Village Hall has successfully received £10,000.
- Re agenda item 6. There is also the Norfolk Community Foundation Covid-19 Community Response Fund offering grants of up to £1,000 for community organisations reaching out to local residents during the emergency - and easier if a parish council applies.
- Bin collection is continuing as usual, which is not necessarily the case in other districts.
- Latest Breckland Covid-19 information is at [www.Breckland Council.gov.uk/coronavirus/](http://www.BrecklandCouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus/)
- There is a lot of information available, so if you need any assistance in finding the information you or residents might then let us know.

Planning

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for 22nd June, which is likely to be a virtual meeting. The call-in process continues, but in the absence of Planning Committee meetings then contentious applications are being decided by officers in consultation with the Chairman's Panel, with virtual meetings of this group taking place every two weeks or so. If the request for an application goes to the Chairman's Panel the issue for decision is whether it should be decided by the next Planning Committee, or under delegated authority. The ward member speaks first for 2 minutes, followed by officers presentations, then the panel considers.

Other matters:

The 1st June is also the first virtual Breckland Cabinet meeting.

See you on Monday - have a good weekend,

Stay safe and well,

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